REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), Bureau of Health Services Financing, gives public notice that it is requesting proposals from interested, qualified persons or firms for the following project: "Request for Proposal for State Supplemental Rebate/Preferred Drug List (PDL)".

General Description of Services Desired

The Department of Health and Hospitals desires to obtain the service of a qualified contractor that has Medicaid experience and expertise to assist the Department in developing, implementing, and providing continuing support for the Medicaid Pharmacy Program, State Supplemental Rebate/Preferred Drug List (PDL). The Contractor will:

- 1. Manage all aspects of the supplemental rebate negotiation process;
- 2. Provide information and data management of the Preferred Drug List (PDL);
- 3. Provide technical support to the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee (P&T);
- 4. Provide clinical review of drugs/classes of drugs;
- 5. Provide the Department with the financial and clinical analysis of P&T recommendations both before and after implementation;
- 6. Assist in the process of billing pharmaceutical manufacturers for supplemental rebates pursuant to agreements entered into between such manufacturers and the Department; and
- 7. Negotiate supplemental rebates agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers through multi-state pooling contracts.

Requests for copies of the RFP and written questions or inquiries must be directed to the RFP coordinator, M. J. Terrebonne, Pharmacy Director, Bureau of Health Services Financing, Pharmacy Benefits Management Section, Department of Health and Hospitals, 1201 Capitol Access Road,, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 or Post Office Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030, Telephone: 225.342.9768, Facsimile Number: 225.376.4715 Email: CRUMFOLA@dhh.la.gov This RFP is available in electronic form at www.dhh.louisiana.gov/publications.asp in PDF format or in printed form by submitting a written request to the RFP Coordinator.

Proposals are to be sent to Mrs. M. J. Terrebonne, Pharmacy Director, Bureau of Health Services Financing, Pharmacy Benefits Management Section, Department of Health and Hospitals, 1201 Capitol Access Road 70802. Proposals must be received no later that 4:00 p.m. (Central Time), April 28, 2006, after which time and date proposals will not be considered. Proposals will be evaluated according to the criteria defined in the RFP, and all proposers will be notified by mail of any contract awarded after such evaluation, within thirty (30) days after such evaluation, within thirty (30) days after the closing date. Beginning date of services is July 1, 2006.